

## Book Review

Wells, F. E., Walker, D. I., Kirkman, H., and Lethbridge, R. (Eds). 1990/91. *Proceedings of the third international marine biological workshop: The marine flora and fauna of the Albany area of Western Australia*. Western Australian Museum, Perth. 2 volumes, 722 pages. ISBN 0 7309 3953 7. In Australasia \$75.00 Aust.

This two volume publication arose from an 18 day workshop organised by the Western Australian Branch of the Australian Marine Sciences Association and was held at Albany in southern Western Australia in January 1988. The format of the workshop was based on the successful Hong Kong workshop model, which has proved to be a useful means of rapidly increasing the understanding of the taxonomy and ecology of an area. The Albany workshop brought together 27 researchers with very varied interests in marine research and the resultant publication contains 29 separate papers dealing with taxonomy, systematics, biogeography, ecology and physiology. The subject matter of the papers is diverse, with taxonomic works on annelids, molluscs, crustaceans, and echinoderms and ecological studies on individual species as well as the communities of seagrass beds and rocky shores. The aims of the workshop included the development of a wider knowledge of the marine life of southern Western Australia and several of the papers include the results of studies relating to the entire south coast and lower west coast. The inclusion of such data gives the publication a much wider relevance and makes it a valuable reference document. The researchers and the editors are to be congratulated on their efforts in completing the research and bringing it to publication in a reasonable time frame.

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